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Stipends in Indian Training Schools to Indian Christian masters and mistresses.

*225 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: With reference to my question 1850, dated 26th March 1926 (L.C.P. XXIX, page 748), regarding stipends in Indian Training Schools to Indian Christian masters and mistresses, will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether any representations have been received by Government; and

(b) what orders have been passed thereon?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The Government do not consider that any alteration is called for in the rules regulating the grant of stipends.

Status of Indian Catholic secular clergy and Protestant pastors as secondary-grade teachers.

*226 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to refer to the debates on my budget cut motion in March 1926 (L.C.P. XXIX, page 544), and my question 176, dated 1st March 1927 (L.C.P. XXXIV, page 51), regarding the status of Indian Catholic secular clergy and Protestant pastors as secondary-grade teachers, and state what action has been taken to give adequate status to Indian Catholic secular clergy and Protestant pastors as trained teachers, especially in view of the recent representation?

A.—The question whether members of the Indian Catholic secular clergy who have passed the Matriculation examination or completed the Secondary School-Leaving Certificate course can generally be recognized as trained teachers of the secondary grade was fully examined in 1926. As it was ascertained that the technical training of a teacher did not receive adequate recognition in the courses laid down for Seminaries, it was not considered desirable to grant a *general* recognition. The Director of Public Instruction was, however, authorized to consider individual cases of the Catholic clergy as they arose and grant recognition at his discretion. The cases of Protestant pastors will also be similarly dealt with by the Director. This information was communicated to the hon. Member in reply to his interpellation No. 176, dated 1st March 1927.

Conditions for grants to Indian orphanages.

*227 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased—

(i) to place before the Council the conditions under which grants for Indian orphanages are allowed; and

(ii) to state—

(a) what time has been fixed for the submission of applications for grants for 1929–30;

(b) whether the time fixed has been found too short;

(c) whether Government contemplate extending the time therefor;